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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already stated that the milk is distributed in ½ and ¼ litre standard bottles with effect from 1—10—1960. Before that, milk was distributed in ½ litre and 1 litre standard bottles but ½ litre bottle would hold 1·1 lb. of milk. Therefore, to avoid loss to the Government, the Milk Factory has been instructed to fill 1 lb. of milk. So, there is no basis for the criticism.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether the Government have taken any steps to get enough bottles of equal sizes?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I cannot say that the Government have got enough number of bottles. To the extent it is available it will be distributed.

Sales-tax

* 545 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to axempt the following articles from sales tax—

(i) Mudpots manufactured by co-operative societies;

(ii) ready-made garments;

(iii) articles like quilts and pillows; and

(iv) biscuits and cakes (unpacked)?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The answer to this question was prepared on 25th January 1961. It reads as follows :—

(i) to (iv) Since the question anticipates the Budget proposals, Government decline to answer the question.

Railway track (Tambaram-Villupuram)

* 546 *Q.*—**SRI A. VEDARATHNAM:** கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தாம்பரம்-விழுப்புரம் ரயில் பாதையில் எந்த மின் சாரத்தை உபயோகிப்பதென்று முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கிறது? ஏ.ஸி.யா ? டி.ஸி.யா ?

(இ) இதனால் ஏற்படக்கூடிய அனுகூலமென்ன ?

(உ) எப்போது இவ்வேலை துவக்கப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Our information is as follows :—

(*a*) The electrification will be done on the A.C. system of traction.

(*b*) The A.C. system of traction has been found to be more economical in first cost and running costs. The A.C. locomotives possess superior qualities especially in starting heavy loads.

(*c*) The work on the field is expected to be commenced by the middle of 1961.